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Chair Philip Isenberg and Members  
MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force  
c/o California Resources Agency  
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I am writing to express my individual support for improved protection of our oceans, in particular by adding the oceans of San Luis Obispo County to California's existing protected areas.

I am a 35 year resident of Cambria. I was the alternate Environmental Rep. to the North Coast Advisory Council and on the Cambria Residential Design Committee. I am a member of Friends of the RanchLand and was involved in the purchase of East West Ranch as public open space and am currently Executive Director of North Coast Small Wilderness Area Preservation, the conservation easement holder for East West Ranch. The southern border of the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary is on the East West Ranch. I personally love the "Ranch" and it's ocean. I am in favor of increased protection of it's ocean.

Oceans throughout the world are being degraded by many sources. The oceans inhabitants are impacted by pollutants and overfishing among other things. By adopting a strong marine protection area plan you have the opportunity to bring our oceans back to health.

Thank you for your work with the Central Coast Stakeholders in considering the alternatives for our coast and thank you for your work to protect our oceans for the people of California .

Sincerely,

Jo Ellen Butler